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SUBJECT: TRIP TO EAST TIMOR FOR FOREIGN AMBASSADORS

1. FOLLOWING IS CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECTED VISIT TO EAST TIMOR BY FONMIN MOCHTAR AND FOREIGN AMBASSADORS.
 2. TRIP HAS NOW BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 6-8.
 3. FONDEP SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DARUSMAN TOLD NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR THAT GOI HOPES AROUND NINE AMBASSADORS WILL ACCOMPANY MOCHTAR, INCLUDING THOSE OF U.S., AUSTRALIA, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA AND SRI LANKA. HE NOTED THAT MEANS OF INVITING THESE COUNTRIES HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED.
 4. ASEAN AMBASSADORS ARE NOT BEING INVITED SINCE THEY EARLIER ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT SUHARTO TO TIMOR.
 5. AUSTRLIAN AND CANADIAN AMBASSADORS TELL ME THAT THEY CAN WITHOUT FURTHER WORD FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE TRIP, PROVIDING THERE IS APPROPRIATE REPRESENTA-
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TION, INCLUDING U.S. NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR INDICATED HE WOULD ALSO GO IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. JAPANESE DCM INFORMED ME THT HIS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AN INFORMAL QUERY ON THEIR PARTICIPATION, WHICH THEY HAVE SUBMITTED TO TOKYO.

6. EEC EMBASSIES HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO

PARTICIPATE AND HAVE ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOT TO INVITE THEM. THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE REASON FOR FONMIN MOCHTAR'S STATEMENT TO PRESS ON AUGUST 19 THAT NO FORMAL INVITATION HAS BEEN SENT TOSADORS BUT, M KOMPAS; ANTARA HAD DIFFERENT VERSION INDICATING INVITATIONS MIGHT NOT BE ISSUED.) THE EEC DECISION HAS NOT AFFECTED CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND INCLINATION TO PARTICIPATE. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IS SEEKING TO ASSURE THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY DOES INSSUE APPROPRIATE INVITATIONS.

7. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES BY AUSTRALIAN, CANADIAN AND NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADORS, I HAVE STATED THAT WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSULTED ON AN INVITATION TO ATTEND BUT THAT I PERSONALLY FELT CHANCES WERE GOOD FOR A FAVORABLE RESPONSE IF WE WERE IN GOOD COMPANY.

8. AFTER ABOVE WAS DRAFTED, I RECEIVED WORD FROM FONDEP AMERICAN DIRECTOR PANE THAT, IF U.S. INDICATED IT WOULD ACCEPT INVITATION, WRITTEN INVITATIONS WOULD BE ISSUED. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR RECEIVED SIMILAR CALL FROM ASIA AND PACIFIC DIRECTORATE.

9. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT IN AMBASSADOR MASTERS' NAME INVITATION TO ACCOMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER TO EAST TIMOR IN EVENT AUSTRALIAN, CANADIAN AND ONE OR TWO
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OTHER AMBASSADORS ALSO REPOOND FAVORABLY.
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